

VRUEC 2011 Annual Action Plan

1. Support Teacher Professional Development
 - a. Sponsor 4 Chesapeake Bay Academies
 - b. Publish member-sponsored opportunities on web
 - c. Participate in the VA Association of Science Teachers (VAST) Board, e-blast and PDI
 - d. Co-sponsor annual conference with Mid-Atlantic Marine Education Association
2. Continue to implement C2K Bay Commitment for “Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences” (MWEE)
 - a. Update Virginia’s Bay Education Plan
 - b. Participate in biennial Bay Education Summit
 - c. Administer mini-grants to schools and partners
 - d. Recommend teachers for MWEE Network
3. Support delivery of locally-based, high-quality Environmental Education (EE)
 - a. Continue to work with regional EE teams
 - b. Promote EE Leadership Program to non-formal educators
 - c. Develop “Coastal Educator” Profile
 - d. Publish annual Love-A-Tree teacher’s kit
4. Recognize Exemplary EE Schools through Virginia Naturally
 - a. promote the program through member newsletters
 - b. distribute educational materials and teacher in-service offerings to schools
5. Continue Virginia Naturally as state clearinghouse for EE
 - a. Publish bi-monthly newsletter
 - b. Publish map-based member directory
6. Encourage more youth and families to go “outside”
 - a. Promote Children and Nature network resources
 - b. Research Children’s Bill of Rights
7. Strengthen EE programs across the state
 - a. Update VA EE Business Plan
 - b. Participate in EPA’s Region 3 Environmental Literacy Plan workshop
 - c. Seek funding for programs outside the Bay Watershed
 - d. Update funders with success stories and needs
 - e. Continue self-evaluation of programs